



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt resolution authorizing the City Manager to provide a Public Benefits Program Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to fund the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate Program (EUD)

MEETING DATE: March 6, 2002

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to provide a Public Benefits Program Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to fund the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: During the past three calendar years, the City of Lodi has provided an energy conservation rebate program for residential customers known as the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate. By way of this Council action, the proposed program would once again be offered to Lodi electric utility residential customers who retrofit or upgrade their existing central air conditioning system with a new, high efficiency system. The specific program guidelines include:

- must be a City of Lodi Electric Utility customer;
- one rebate (not to exceed six tons) per customer service address; single-family dwellings only;
- rebates begin April 1, 2002 and are available until September 30, 2002 (or until funds are exhausted);
- for installation of 12.0 SEER (Season Energy Efficiency Rating) unit- the rebate is \$50 per ton;
- for installation of 13.0 SEER unit- the rebate is \$125 per ton;
- for installation of 14.0+ SEER unit- the rebate is \$225 per ton; and
- a customer may choose any licensed HVAC/mechanical contractor for their project.

By removing an aging and inefficient central air conditioning system, and replacing it with a new, high efficiency (12.0 SEER or better) system, residential customers can reduce their energy consumption/cooling costs from five percent to twenty percent (greater savings achieved when a higher SEER unit is installed) on a monthly basis. During the calendar year 2001, nearly 250 residential customers participated in this program.

FUNDING: 164605 – Public Benefits Fund (Category: Demand-side Management)

Funding Approval:

Ruby R. Paine
Vicky McAthie, Finance Director

Alan N. Vallow
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Electric Utility Director

PREPARED BY: Rob Lechner, Manager of Customer Programs

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APPROVED:

Janet Flynn

Janet Flynn - City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A
PUBLIC BENEFITS PROGRAM GRANT TO FUND THE
LODI COOLING CASH REBATE PROGRAM (\$50,000)

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WHEREAS, the state has mandated that beginning January 1, 1998, the City of Lodi is obligated to fund various programs through a Public Benefits Charge (PBC) based on a historical electric revenue requirement; and

WHEREAS, the requirement amounts to approximately \$1M per year that must be dedicated to qualifying programs such as energy efficiency. A further stipulation is that these efforts must be done on the customer's side of the meter in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi's Public Benefits Program is comprised of four segments or customer groups: commercial/industrial, residential, community/non-profit, and municipal; and

WHEREAS, this project is specifically designed for Lodi residential electric customers. The Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate Program will once again be offered to Lodi electric utility residential customers who retrofit or upgrade their existing central air conditioning system with a new, high-efficiency system. The specific program guidelines include:

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WHEREAS, by removing an aging and inefficient central air conditioning system, and replacing it with a new, high efficiency (12.0 SEER or better) system, residential customers can reduce their energy consumption/cooling costs from five percent to twenty percent (greater savings achieved when a higher SEER unit is installed) on a monthly basis. During the calendar year 2001, nearly 250 residential customers participated in this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to provide a Public Benefits Program Grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 to fund the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate Program, specifically designed for Lodi residential electric customers.

Dated: March 6, 2002

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2002-53 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held March 6, 2002 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Land, Nakanishi, and
Mayor Pennino

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan J. Blackston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" and last name "Blackston" clearly legible.

SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk